



Play and Leisure Implementation Plan

Area 1: Places and spaces for Play and Leisure

High level outcome				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and Young People have appropriate places and spaces for play and leisure 				
Links to:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA 6, 9, 12 and 17 				
Key Impact Area	Action	Target	Lead Department	Delivery Partners
Planning and design to promote play and leisure, making it inclusive and accessible to all.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suite of fit for purpose Planning Policy Statements and other relevant policy frameworks developed. Ensure that requirements in relevant Planning Policy Statement's, in relation to providing open space for play and leisure are adhered to. Ensure that the principles of children and young person friendly design are considered and integrated into any future review of relevant Planning Policy Statement's. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepared by March 2011. Ongoing - throughout the life of the plan Ongoing - throughout the life of the plan 	DOE	Councils OFMDFM Children and Young Peoples Organisations Private Housing Developers DSD NIHE The Planning Service Housing Associations Sport NI DCAL

<p>Public Spaces create a welcoming environment for all children and young people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather information through the relevant sources on children and young peoples experiences in public spaces. • Develop training guidance for staff working within public spaces on the creation of child and young person friendly environments. • Promote the use of child friendly, accessible evaluation tools within public spaces to determine satisfaction levels and identify ways of making public spaces more welcoming to children and young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline Information gathered through Life and Times survey by March 2012. • Guidance issued by March 2013. • % uptake of evaluation tools within public spaces over the duration of the plan. 	<p>DCAL DSD DoE DE DHSSPS</p>	<p>Young Persons Behaviour and Attitude Survey</p> <p>The Consumer Council for Northern Ireland</p> <p>Sport NI</p> <p>Museums, Libraries, Hospitals, Private Retailers, Art Centres, Galleries, Sporting Venues</p> <p>Children and Young Peoples Organisations</p> <p>Voluntary and Community Sector</p> <p>Councils</p>
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<p>Influencing professional practice in building and design.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish professional bodies working group to support the design and development of standards. • Deliver a programme aimed at enhancing understanding of the impact of professionals in shaping play and leisure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working group established by March 2011. • Benchmarks developed by March 2012. • 6 programme sessions delivered by March 2011. 	<p>OFMDFM</p>	<p>PlayBoard</p> <p>DOE</p> <p>DSD</p> <p>DARD</p> <p>DE (Estate Management)</p> <p>Landscape Designers</p> <p>NIHE</p> <p>Professional bodies RIBA etc Private Sector</p> <p>PSNI Architect Service</p> <p>QUB Environmental Psychology Department</p> <p>Sport NI</p>
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<p>Promoting the conversion of unused land into viable play and leisure spaces.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take forward audit of unused and vacant space within pilot council area. • Identify barriers to the utilisation of land and buildings for play and leisure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline audit complete by September 2011. • Recommendation report compiled and published by February 2012. 	<p>OFMDFM DFP</p>	<p>Relevant Government Departments</p> <p>Public sector organisations</p> <p>Councils</p> <p>Play and Leisure Partnerships</p> <p>Community and voluntary groups</p> <p>Private Sector Owners</p> <p>Business in the Community</p> <p>Woodland Trust</p> <p>Youth Service</p> <p>Sport NI</p> <p>Institute of landscape architects</p> <p>NIHE</p>
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Area 2 – Championing Play and Leisure

High level outcome				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play and leisure policy implemented at government at local level 				
Links to:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA 6, 7 and 10 				
Key Impact Area	Action	Target	Lead Department	Delivery Partners
Implementation of Play and Leisure Policy across the NI Executive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review progress and drive implementation of the Play and Leisure Policy across and within Executive Departments. Ensure read across to existing and emerging departmental strategies which impact on children and young people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inter-departmental group meet on quarterly basis; 	OFMDFM	Government Departments Inter-Departmental Group on Play and Leisure
Engaging and involving children and young people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage children and young people at the appropriate time, when making decisions on play and leisure opportunities, listening and acting upon where achievable, their views and opinions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and Young People actively involved in local decision making through play and leisure partnership structure.¹ 	OFMDFM	Government Departments Existing Children and Young People forums Community and Voluntary Groups Participation Network

¹ Dependant on the formation of Play and Leisure Partnership Structures being developed by Councils

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All government departments consult with children and young people on decisions which will impact upon them. 		Councils
Promote a greater recognition of the benefits to be gained from play and leisure with parents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage beneficial health aspects of play and leisure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disseminate information on the health benefits of active Play and Leisure². 	DHSSPS	<p>Relevant Play Agencies</p> <p>Commissioner for Children and Young People</p> <p>DCAL</p> <p>Sport NI</p> <p>Relevant organisations providing information on play and leisure</p> <p>Public Health Agency</p>
Strategic Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a programme of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 seminars delivered 	OFMDFM	Children's Service Planning

	<p>cross-sectoral engagement focused on the implementation of the play and leisure policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support to the councils to facilitate the development of strategic plans with a view to embedding the Play and leisure implementation plan at council level. 	<p>by March 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-to-1 engagement with local councils complete by December 2010. • Provide a small element of funding to local councils to enable them to complete a strategic and operational audit of play and leisure within their area by March 2011. 		<p>Play & Leisure Partnerships Councils</p> <p>PSNI Architects</p> <p>Relevant Play Agencies</p> <p>Private Sector Play and Leisure Designers/Manufacturers</p> <p>Forestry Service</p> <p>DoE Heritage Service</p> <p>National Trust</p> <p>Woodland Trust</p> <p>Sport NI</p>
Promote quality standards in registered provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and promote the implementation of existing quality standards; • Deliver information seminars on quality standards to Social Services Registration Unit and Education and Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 seminars delivered (1 per Trust/ELB area) by March 2011. 	OFMDFM	<p>Relevant Play Agencies</p> <p>NICMA</p> <p>The Early Years Organisation</p> <p>Dept. of Education</p>

	<p>Inspectorate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and publish a Play and Leisure vision statement which promotes quality in organisational delivery, ensuring where possible alignment with existing quality standards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play and Leisure Vision statement developed and made available by March 2011. 		<p>Dept. of Employment & Learning</p> <p>ETI</p> <p>Social Service Registration Unit</p> <p>Youth Service</p> <p>Sport NI</p> <p>Private Providers</p> <p>Council Leisure Services</p>
<p>Embedding of play and Leisure Policy within schools and youth provision.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissemination of Play and Leisure policy to schools, FE Colleges and Youth Service Providers. Enhance understanding and knowledge of free play and encourage its use within school playgrounds. Consider output from the 'Use of School Premises Working Group' to promote the use of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All schools, FE Colleges and Youth Service Providers receive Play & Leisure Policy by March 2011. Reference play and leisure statement in any strategy brought forward to encourage better use of the school premises. 	<p>DE</p> <p>DEL</p>	<p>OFMDFM</p> <p>DHSSPS</p> <p>Dept. of Employment & Learning</p> <p>Schools</p> <p>National Association Of Head Teachers</p> <p>Education and Training Inspectorate</p> <p>Relevant Play Agencies</p>

	the School Estate by local communities outside working school hours.			<p>Council for Catholic Maintained Schools</p> <p>Youth Council</p> <p>Youth Service Providers</p> <p>FE Colleges</p> <p>Sport NI</p>
Increase the extent to which all children and young people encounter challenge, stimulation and acceptable levels of risk in their experience of play and leisure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver 6 'Managing Risk in Play' seminars to statutory providers. • Develop and disseminate briefing document focused on the benefits of challenge and risk in play aimed at parents and service providers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 seminars delivered and impact assessed through evaluation by March 2011. • Briefing document prepared and disseminated by September 2011. 	OFMDFM	<p>Councils</p> <p>Service Providers</p> <p>Parents</p> <p>Parents Advice Centre</p> <p>Insurance Companies</p> <p>Dept. of Education</p> <p>DHSSPS</p> <p>Health Trusts</p>

Area 3: Access to Play and Leisure

High level outcome				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and young people are able to access play and leisure facilities in their local area 				
Links to:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSA 6,7,8,13 and 14 				
Key Impact Area	Action	Target	Lead Department	Delivery Partners
Children and young people's rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the realisation of children's rights as contained within the UNCRC, with particular regard to the right to play and leisure. Assess existing play and leisure services to determine their level of inclusion and accessibility. Promote the use of play services by children and young people with particular needs including ethnic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline audit of play and leisure facilities and services completed within council areas by March 2012. Annual audit of play and leisure service usage at local council level identifying availability and needs met Take forward a pilot project focused on the play and leisure needs of children with 	OFMDFM ³	Disability Sector Ethnic Minority Sector Private Sector Play and Leisure Designers/ Manufacturers Commissioner for Children and Young People Children's Law Centre Councils

³ These actions cannot be taken forward at departmental level but need to be progressed by councils. Therefore whilst OFMDFM is listed as lead department, this is due to it supporting the development of strategic plans as outlined in area 2 and is dependent on the delivery of the actions against strategic planning.

	<p>minority groups, those with a disability, those living in poverty, those living in rural isolation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positively promote C & YP to counteract negative perception • Through the promotion of design approaches based on inclusion, integration and accessibility, influence and enhance the design of new or refurbishment of existing play and leisure opportunities, 	<p>disabilities by March 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage in a project in 2012 focusing on C & YP qualities and achievements portraying positivity. • Recommendations and guidance produced for local play and leisure providers focusing on inclusion, integration and accessibility by September 2011. 		
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<p>Promote a greater recognition of the benefits of play and leisure with parents and the wider community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make information on play and leisure opportunities available to all children and young people, parents and communities. • Actively engage with parents groups and local community parents to advise and educate on the importance and benefits achieved from play. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each play and Leisure partnership disseminates information on Play and Leisure⁵. • Local events and advice sessions throughout 2012 	<p>OFMDFM</p>	<p>Relevant Play Agencies</p> <p>Commissioner for Children and Young People</p> <p>Relevant organisations providing information on play and leisure</p> <p>Councils</p> <p>Parents</p> <p>Sport NI</p>
<p>Enable children and young people to travel to, and access their local play and leisure spaces safely.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue to provide half fare travel on all scheduled bus and rail services to those aged 16 and under. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration of Plan. 	<p>DRD</p>	<p>DARD</p> <p>Rural Community Transport Partnership</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote the availability of community based transport for children and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-Going. 	<p>DRD</p>		

⁵ Dependent on the establishment of Play and Leisure Partnership Structures being developed by Councils

	<p>young people in rural areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In association with DARD, To continue to provide transport support to groups of children and young people in rural areas. • To provide reduced fares for Children and Young People aged 16 and under on rural community transport services. • To inform on availability and promote use of Door-to-Door transport in urban areas for children and young people with disabilities. 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance road safety by increasing children and young people's awareness and understanding of the risks posed by traffic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In conjunction with schools promote and encourage road safety and pedestrian safety. 	DOE	<p>Schools</p> <p>PSNI</p>

Area 4: Workforce Development

High level outcome				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skilled and qualified workforce within the play and leisure sector 				
Links to:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSA 7 and 10 				
Key impact area	Action	Target	Lead Department	Delivery Partners
Promote the aims and objectives of the play and leisure policy to those involved directly or indirectly with children and young people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination of play and leisure policy to relevant Sector Skills Council's and appropriate professional bodies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and Implementation Plan disseminated widely by March 2011. 	DEL	Relevant Sector Skills bodies Skills Active Sport NI Appropriate agencies
Appropriate and accessible training/qualification opportunities are available for those working with children and young people within the play & leisure sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission an audit of current workforce training needs to identify levels of training demand; • Commission an audit of training providers and analyse the capacity of existing training programmes to deliver against identified training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit complete and training demand established by March 2012. • Audit complete by March 2012. 	DEL	QCA Further and Higher Education Universities Awarding Bodies Disability Sector

	<p>demand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination of Northern Ireland's Play and Playwork Education and Skills Strategy 2011-2016. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play and Playwork workforce strategy disseminated by September 2011. 		Sport NI
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